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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/759,107	Applicant(s) LIGHT ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-48, 50 and 52-61, is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 49,51,65,67-69,73 and 75-77 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 62-64,66,70-72 and 74 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 62 and 65-67 are objected to because the term status message lacks antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

3. Claims 49, 51, 65, 67-69, 73 and 75-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bannister et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,943,399 (hereinafter Bannister).

Regarding claim 49, Bannister discloses a process for a calling party to determine device status of a called party

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wireless telecommunication device over a network, the process comprising:

inputting a telephone number corresponding to the called party's wireless telecommunication device to a device status monitor over the network via a calling party processor;

accessing a called party device status file over a network, wherein status of the called party's wireless telecommunication device is made available via the called party device status file by the device status monitor; and

sending the calling party a notification message comprising the status of the called party's wireless telecommunication device (see Figure 2).

On the issue of claim 65, see Figure 2.

Regarding claim 67, see Figure 3.

Regarding claim 68, see Figure 2.

Regarding claim 69, see Figure 2.

Regarding claim 51, Bannister discloses a process for determining wireless telecommunication device status comprising:

accessing a wireless telecommunication device status file associated with a called party over a network;

monitoring the status of the called party's wireless telecommunication device and providing that device status to the device status file; and

sending a calling party a status message comprising the status of the called party's wireless telecommunication device (see Figure 2).

As per claim 73, see Figure 2.

As per claim 75, see Figure 3.

As per claim 76, see Figure 2.

As per claim 77, see Figure 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Nowhere does Bannister indicate the notification message is sent via a pager. Additionally, Banister does not teach the notification message is sent to a wireless phone. For this reason, claims 62 and 65 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Nowhere does Bannister indicate the status message is sent via a pager. Additionally, Banister does not teach the status

message is sent to a wireless phone. For this reason, claims 70 and 74 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olisa Anwah whose telephone number is 571-272-7533. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8.30 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 571-272-7547. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and 571-273-8300 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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Patent Examiner

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fan Tsang', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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